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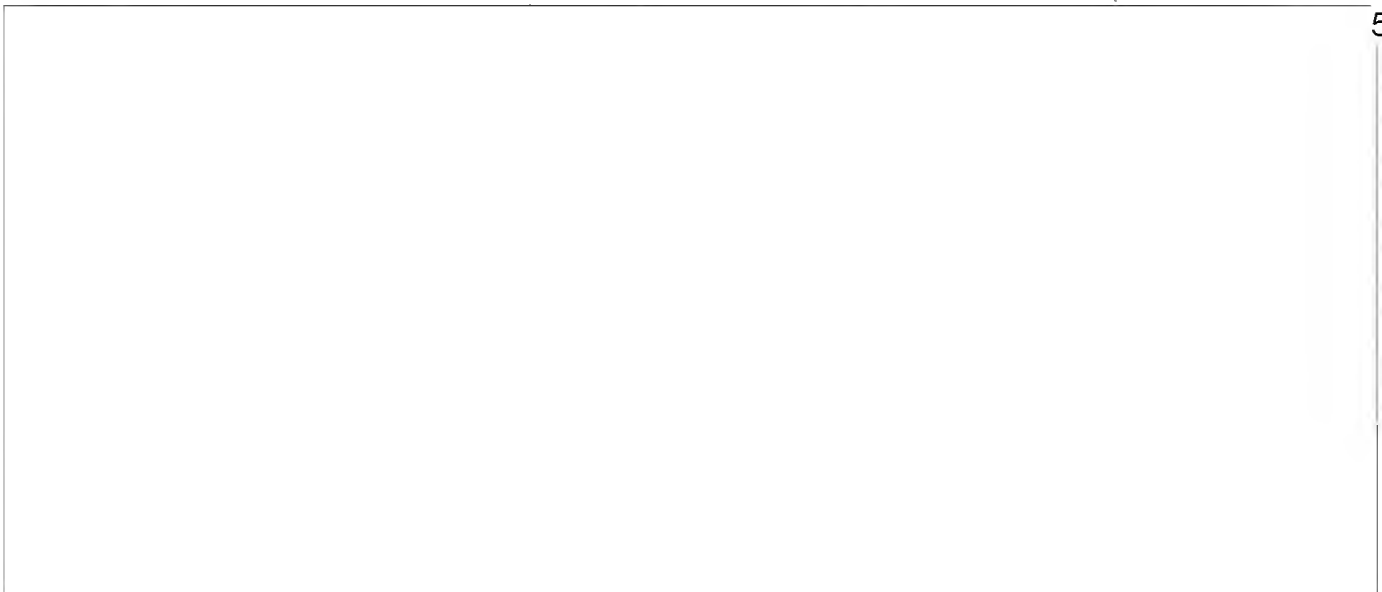
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--19 DECEMBER 1962 50X1

1. CUBA:



C. THE WAY THE CUBAN PRESS HAS BEEN TREATING NEWS ABOUT THE USSR AND CHINA "SUGGESTS THAT CUBA IS TRYING TO FACE BOTH WAYS OR PERHAPS EVEN NEITHER."



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F. SUNDAY'S PHOTOGRAPHY RAISED THE NUMBER OF MIG-21s IDENTIFIED IN CUBA FROM 39 TO 42.

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3. INDONESIA:

A. ALTHOUGH THE INDONESIANS HAVE JUST ANNOUNCED WITH A FLOURISH THAT THEY HAVE SET UP THEIR FIRST GUIDED-MISSILE BATTALION,

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THEY WANT TO POSTPONE DELIVERY OF SOME OF THE SAM EQUIPMENT STILL DUE THEM UNDER A 1961 AGREEMENT WITH MOSCOW.

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D. INDONESIAN OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED OVER THE UNEXPLAINED FAILURE OF A DELEGATION OF SOVIET ECONOMIC EXPERTS TO ARRIVE IN DJAKARTA, AS SCHEDULED, ON 15 DECEMBER. THE INDONESIANS HAVE BEEN ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO FIND OUT WHAT MOSCOW MIGHT ASK IN RETURN FOR KHRUSHCHEV'S AGREEMENT LAST MONTH TO PERMIT SOME STRETCH-OUT IN THE DEBT REPAYMENT SCHEDULE.

4. INDIA-PAKISTAN:

A. THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON HAS MADE WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A "STRONG DEMARCHE" TO THE BRITISH TO THE EFFECT THAT NEW DELHI WOULD OBJECT STRENUOUSLY IF CONTINUATION OF "GENEROUS" ARMS AID WERE MADE CONTINGENT ON SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN-PAKISTAN DIFFERENCES.

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C. THE SAME NOTE IS BEING SOUNDED BY INDIAN OFFICIALS AND THE PRESS IN NEW DELHI. NEHRU TOLD A US INTERVIEWER YESTERDAY

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THAT THE INDIANS WOULD NOT GIVE IN TO THE CHINESE WHETHER THERE WAS WESTERN AID OR NOT, BUT SAID HE DOUBTED THAT US AID WOULD BE WITHHELD IF THERE WERE NO KASHMIR SETTLEMENT.

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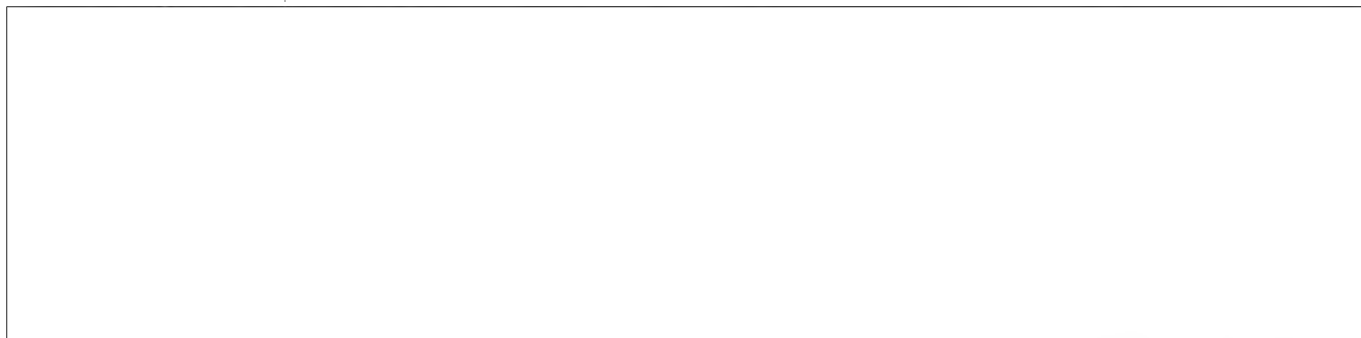
A. THE STRIKE-CONNECTED VIOLENCE AT THE US-OWNED MINING INSTALLATION AT LA OROYA HAS HALTED, LEAVING BEHIND SCORES OF CASUALTIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$4 MILLION.

B. NO US FATALITIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

C. THE MILITARY JUNTA BEGINS TO SEE THAT IT WENT WRONG IN ACCEPTING COMMUNIST SUPPORT ON THE SLY OUT OF AN URGE TO CRIPPLE THE LEFTIST, NON-COMMUNIST APRA PARTY. A CRACKDOWN ON THE COMMUNISTS SEEMS TO BE IN THE MAKING.

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6. LAOS:



B. [REDACTED] THE ATMOSPHERE THERE AS UNSETTLED AND DISTURBING. FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, [REDACTED] A RUMOR, WHICH BEGINS TO BE ALMOST INSISTENT, THAT A MOVE BY THE CENTER AND RIGHT FACTIONS TO DRIVE THE LEFTISTS OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT IS IMMINENT.

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7. SOVIET AGRICULTURE:

A. WE THINK THAT WE HAVE SEEN ENOUGH SOVIET STATISTICS ON

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THE 1962 AGRICULTURAL YEAR TO CONCLUDE THAT NET OUTPUT WAS THE LOWEST IN YEARS--LOWER IN FACT THAN IN ANY OF THE POST-WAR YEARS FOR WHICH WE HAVE REASONABLY GOOD FIGURES.

B. HEAVY SETBACKS DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES IN SOME AREAS, PARTICULARLY THE NORTHERN PART OF EUROPEAN RUSSIA, COMBINED WITH THE PERENNIAL DEFECTS OF THE SYSTEM TO PRODUCE THE DISMAL OUTCOME. PARTY SPOKESMEN IN THE BALTIC REPUBLIC COMPARE THIS YEAR'S EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS TO THOSE OF THE FAMINE YEAR OF 1928.

C. THE OUTLOOK FOR THE SOVIET CONSUMER IS NOT GRIM--THERE IS ENOUGH FOOD TO KEEP HIS DIET AT A SAFE LEVEL--BUT THERE WILL BE MANY SHORTAGES. SUPPLIES OF THE MUCH-FAVORED POTATO, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE NOT BEEN SO LOW SINCE AT LEAST 1950.

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C. CANADA - COMMUNIST CHINA: A NEW GRAIN CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED. THE CANADIANS WILL SUPPLY ROUGHLY THE SAME AMOUNT OF WHEAT AS IN 1962--870,000 LONG TONS WILL BE DELIVERED BETWEEN JANUARY AND JUNE OF THE COMING YEAR

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D. MALAYSIA: THE GOVERNMENTS OF MALAYA AND SINGAPORE ARE CALLING ONE ANOTHER NAMES IN A DISPUTE, A BY-PRODUCT OF THE BRUNEI REVOLT, WHICH DEALS A FURTHER SETBACK TO THE PROJECTED MALAYSIAN FEDERATION. THE ISSUE, WHICH TURNS ON THE SCOPE IN THE TWO TERRITORIES OF THE SECURITY ROUNDUP GENERATED BY THE BRUNEI REBELLION, HAS MALAYAN PREMIER RAHMAN TALKING IN OVERCHARGED TONES OF GOING AHEAD WITH THE FEDERATION WITHOUT SINGAPORE.

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E. MEXICO: PRESIDENT LOPEZ MATEOS SAID YESTERDAY AT A BANGUET FOR PRESIDENT ALESSANDRI THAT MEXICO WOULD BE WILLING TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA IF AN "IMPORTANT GROUP" OF LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS ALSO SUBSCRIBED TO THE PRINCIPLE.

F. CONGO: TSHOMBE, REPLYING TO A LETTER FROM U THANT ON MONDAY, YESTERDAY NOTIFIED THE UN THAT HE IS READY TO SEND A DELEGATION TO LEOPOLDVILLE TO NEGOTIATE ON THE PROPOSAL TO ROUTE UNION MINIERE REVENUES THROUGH THE MONETARY COUNCIL.

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